GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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COTTON MONOPOLY PROCUREMENT SCHEME
RAOSAHEB PATIL DANVE

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any request from the Maharashtra Government to extend the cotton monopoly scheme from June, 2002 by another one year;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(c) the minimum support price fixed for B.T. Cotton for the current year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL (YATNAL)

(a) & (b) In 2001, the Government of Maharashtra had requested the Union Government to approve the extension of the Raw Cotton Monopoly Procurement Scheme for a period of five years beyond June 2001, i.e. upto June, 2006. The Union Government has accepted the proposal of the Government of Maharashtra.

(c) Minimum Support Price for Bt Cotton has not been fixed for the current cotton year 2001-02 (October- September) as commercial cultivation of Bt Cotton in India has been permitted from the 2002-03 cotton year.